

## AMERICAN PROTECTORATE

## OVER CUBA DESIRED BY MANY SPANIARDS THERE.

Wealthiest of the Spaniards of the Island Holding Meetings With This View—All of General Pando's Peace Commissioners to the Insurgents Dismissed—General Sanguilly Offers His Services to General Blanco—Delay in Forming the Cuban Cabinet

Havana, December 13.—via Key West, Florida.—It is officially announced that the Spanish forces under the command of General Pando, in the province of Puerto Principe, have been pushing the insurgent leader, General Maximo Gomez, so closely that he was obliged with about 200 men of his escort to seek refuge in the woods and mountains of Las Delayas.

The commissioners sent by General Pando to different parts of the island with instructions to negotiate with the insurgents for their acceptance of the autonomous form of the government proposed by Spain have not returned in a single case, which seems to confirm the reports that some of them have been hanged by the insurgents and others have elected to remain with the enemy. It is reported that Juan del Gado, the insurgent leader, has hanged the two commissioners who were sent to him with peace propositions.

A dispatch recently received here from Madrid says that the autonomic cabinet for Cuba will not be formed until the reformists and autonomists unite in one party and it is added that the reformists deputy, Amblard, who is now in Madrid, will on his arrival in New York offer to Manuel Rafael Angulo, a member of the Cuban revolutionary junta, a portfolio in the new autonomic cabinet, in order to induce him to return to Cuba.

It is announced officially that General Sanguilly, the insurgent leader, has written to Marshal Blanco offering him his services unconditionally. Some of the richest Spaniards of Cuba have held further meetings here, at Cienfuegos and at Sagua, to consider the advisability of sending a petition to President McKinley asking for the establishment of a United States protectorate over Cuba. If, within six months, the government's plans for the pacification of the island give no results.

Later advices from Madrid seem to show that Deputy Amblard will be entrusted with the task of making other offers to the Cuban junta, when he reaches New York. He is said to have informed the Spanish ministers that he counted upon the adherence of General Sanguilly to the new order of things and if it is true that the latter has offered his services to the captain general, the influence of Amblard at Madrid will be greatly increased. In fact, he is said to have already received considerable sums of money to meet his expenses and it is further stated the reformists and autonomists here will not definitely complete their union until his return to Havana.

During the recent engagement at Calman, on the south coast, the insurgent leader, Collozo, was wounded. Today ten armed insurgents surrendered there.

During the skirmish on the river Seco, near Guines, this province, the well known insurgent leader, Pittre, was killed, together with a lieutenant and two privates.

The insurgent Colonel Antonio Lopez surrendered several days ago in the province of Santa Clara.

Marshal Blanco, and Senor Jose Congosto, secretary general of Cuba, called upon General Fitzhugh Lee today and tendered their condolence on the death of the mother of President McKinley. New York, December 13.—The Cuban junta headquarters and from other sources here, it was learned that Sanguilly's loyalty to the Cuban cause had been under suspicion for some time and that his reported action in offering his services unconditionally to General Blanco was by no means a surprise. Delegate Thomas Estrada Palma, however, speaking for publication, said that he could hardly believe that Sanguilly had capitulated, but that he did not attach much importance to the report even if true. A Cuban merchant, prominent among the revolutionists in this city said that Sanguilly was not likely ever to go again within the insurgent line and that whatever action he had taken would have no effect upon the insurgent leaders still in the field.

General Sanguilly was in New York until about a week ago. It was said at the junta that Senor Angulo, referred to in the dispatch, was not a member of the Cuban revolutionary junta, which consists of only four members. Senor Angulo, according to the same authority, is a Cuban effect cures, sold by J. C. Shepard, J. H. Hardin and H. L. Fentress.

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## The War on Civil Service

Washington, December 13.—The outlook for changing the civil service law is being actively canvassed among republican members of the house, as a result of the conference held Saturday night. The members of the special committee having the matter in charge are trying to so shape a bill that it will command the support of a number of divergent elements. One of these is the democratic minority, which, combined with the republicans opposed to the present law, would be strong enough to carry a bill. In canvassing the situation it has been found that democratic members would favor a complete repeal of the law, but would oppose anything short of a repeal. As the republican movement is not toward complete repeal, but rather for modification, there appears to be basis by which the national reformers of both parties can unite. It is claimed, however, that a modification bill will receive the votes of two-thirds of the republican members and will have a good chance of passing the senate and receiving the president's signature.

## RAILWAY COTTON RATES

The Seaboard Air Line Appeals From the Commission's Order—To Examine Books of Treasurer and Auditor

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., December 13.—The Seaboard Air Line this afternoon filed bond and exceptions to the order of the railway commission reducing freight rates on cotton. The bond is for \$10,000 for the Carolina Central and \$5,000 for the Raleigh and Augusta. On the other divisions it will put the new rate in effect immediately.

The legislative joint committee to examine the books of the state treasurer and auditor has arrived. It is composed of W. P. Ormsby, B. F. Dixon, H. F. Brown, and Senators Atwater, of Chatham, and Ramsey, of Rowan. It begins work at 9 o'clock tomorrow.

## Moonshiners Sentenced to Imprisonment

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., December 13.—Some months ago Deputy Revenue Collector Wiley Jones made a raid on moonshiners. He and his posse went to the place in a carriage and left it in the woods in charge of a negro driver. While they were searching for the distillery the moonshiners went to the carriage, stole a valise, damaged the vehicle and threatened to kill the driver. Three of these men were spotted and today were convicted in the federal court here. They are A. B. Strickland, Gideon Green and Buck Knight, all white. They were sentenced by Judge Purnell to eighteen months imprisonment. He says it was an aggravated case and that stern measures are necessary to repress growing lawlessness and interference with revenue officers.

J. A. Perkins, of Antiquity, O., was for thirty years needlessly tortured by physicians for the cure of eczema. He was quickly cured by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the famous healing salve for piles and skin diseases. R. R. Bellamy.

## A Negro Murderer Captured

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., December 13.—Sixteen months ago, a few miles from Raleigh, James Booker, alias Chavais, a negro, who was the rejected lover of Mahala White, a servant girl employed by Mrs. Tucker, of Raleigh, blew out Mahala's brains. He went to the girl's home one morning and demanded that she marry him. She refused and he blew off the top of her head. He escaped, though all roads were guarded. He was outlawed. He was arrested at Baltimore and Governor Russell today made requisition for him.

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## THE BICYCLE RACERS

Awarded Their Prizes—A Shortage in the Track of 227 Feet to the Mile

New York, December 13.—The winners of the six day bicycle race were today awarded their prizes. All the men except Hale were present. The awards were as follows: Miller, \$1,300 and \$200 for beating Hale's record; Rice \$800, Schmeer \$500, Hale \$350, Waller \$300, Pierce \$200, Golden \$150, Gannon \$120, Enterman \$100, Elkes \$100, G. Riviere \$75, Julius Moore and Beacom \$50 each; Gray and Johnson got nothing.

Two affidavits were handed to the managers regarding the much discussed measurement of the bicycle track. Lloyd Collis, city surveyor, swore that he measured the track and found a shortage of 27.26 feet to the mile. His affidavit further states that the scores should be as follows: Miller, 1,983 miles, 885 yards; Rice, 1,920 miles, 223 yards; Schmeer, 1,895 miles, 123 yards; Hale, 1,819 miles, 665 yards. The other affidavit submitted by G. O. Rungli, city surveyor, confirmed this statement.

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## To Contest the Will of Thomas Hussey

New York, December 13.—The will of the late Thomas Hussey, of Montgomery Alabama, who was found on lower Broadway in Brooklyn on August 7th last in an unconscious condition with bonds and stocks in his possession worth \$35,000, is being contested before surrogate Abbott, in Brooklyn. The contestants are Elizabeth Worrell, Lucretia Meadon, William J. Ward, and Shadrach Hussey. The first three named came from Montgomery, Ala.; Shadrach Hussey is from England.

Thomas Hussey, after having been found, was taken to a hospital where his condition was pronounced serious, owing to lack of food. A few days later, the courts decided that Hussey, who was over 70 years old, should be taken in charge by his grand nieces, Miss Harriet Mitchell, and Mary Ann Donohue, of Brooklyn. Hussey died at the residence of his nieces on August 28th, after having been attended by Joseph M. Raub. Dr. Raub is executor of the will which was drawn a day after Hussey's arrival at the residence of his nieces. An estate of \$60,000 was left by Hussey, to be divided into equal parts for the two grand nieces.

Undue influences is charged by the contestants of the will. This is denied by the grand nieces, who insist that Mr. Hussey was not influenced in any way. Part of the estate is real estate in Montgomery.

Miss Allie Hughes, Norfolk, Va., was tragically burned on the face and neck. Pain was instantly relieved by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, which healed the injury without leaving a scar. It is the famous pile remedy.—R. R. Bellamy.



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## TO REDUCE WAGES

The Manufacturers' Committee of Fall River Mills Decides to Reduce Wages of Operatives and Salaries of Officers

Fall River, Mass., December 13.—It was learned today that the manufacturers' committee, which has charge of the details of the pending situation of the wages of mill operatives, will recommend that the salaries of the treasurers be reduced in the same proportion as the wages of the employees. Each member of the committee has agreed to bring about this reduction in the administrative cost in his own mill. The committee also decided that all overseers and others not usually included in curd downs should come under the order.

The price for weaving a cut of print cloth will be reduced from 18 to 16 cents and in departments where the least pay is received the full cut of 11 per cent. will not be made. The committee also agreed that a cut of 10 per cent. was as much as the operatives could bear. In view of the curtailment of the productions of Fall River mills during the past year.

Notices of the reduction will be posted on the mills tomorrow or Wednesday, but the details of the new schedule will not be given until a day or two later. If the operatives ask for a conference, the committee will recommend that it be granted, but an address, as was the case at first, will not be prepared unless something new should develop to call for it. The committee is unanimously in favor of including everybody connected with the mills in the reduction and also in opposing a strike in every way possible, since if the mills should be closed, competitors would obtain a great advantage.

Secretary O'Donnell, of the Spinners' Union, has received a vehement letter from Robert Howard, of Boston, former secretary of the union, in which Mr. Howard says that he was very sorry to see the papers that Fall River was the first lamb to be offered up to the gods of mammon on the altar of greed and avarice. Mr. Howard says in conclusion: "I believe it would be a wise and proper course to number our flag with the motto 'No Reductions' immediately. Keep your hearts firm. Be firm and united."

Mrs. Stark, Pleasant Ridge, O., says: "After two doctors gave up my boy to die, I saved him from a cough by using One Minute Cough Cure." It is the quickest and most certain remedy for coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. R. R. Bellamy.

## Rescue of a Shipwrecked Crew

Newport News, Va., December 13.—The British steamship Kildona, Captain Roberts, arrived in port this morning from Shields, having on board Captain Nymann and the crew of the Norwegian bark Njemmet, which was lost in mid ocean Sunday December 5th.

The crew of the ill fated bark tell a thrilling story of their experience. On October 25th the Njemmet left Champerlain, Yucatan Central America, with a cargo of logwood for Falmouth, England. The vessel had not been at sea many days before she sprang a leak. Pumps were set to work, but the flow of water increased until it became necessary for all hands to stay at the pumps in order to keep the ship above water. The crew finally became exhausted. They had worked night and day without any rest, till their strength gave out. A signal of distress was run up and the bark drifted aimlessly about. A heavy sea was running and huge waves were beating against the sides of the ship which had become waterlogged and was rapidly going to pieces. Captain Roberts saw the flag of distress and went to the rescue of the seamen. Going as near to the bark as could be done with safety, he ordered his crew to lower a life boat. Ten men volunteered to risk their lives in order to save their fellow seamen.

When they saw the life boat coming toward the bark, some of the shipwrecked sailors were so delighted that they leaped overboard and swam to the little craft. They came near sinking, as they were exhausted from overwork and they could barely swim through the surging waters. However all hands on board the vessel were rescued, though they lost all their personal effects save what clothing they wore.

When a man is suffering with an aching head, a sluggish body, when his muscles are lax and lazy, his brain dull, and his stomach disdaining food, he will, if wise, heed these warnings and resort to the right remedy, before it is too late. "Parker's Sarsaparilla," the "King of Blood Purifiers," makes the appetite keen and hearty—invigorates the liver—purifies the blood and fills it with the life-giving elements of the food. It is a wonderful blood maker and flesh builder. Sold by J. C. Shepard, J. H. Hardin and H. L. Fentress.

## Cutting Down Number of Officers

Washington, December 13.—The legislative, executive and judicial bill, as reported to the house today by the committee on appropriations, carries a total of \$21,562,425, being \$790,951 less than the estimates. The number of salaries provided for is 10,000, being 153 less than the number estimated for, and 25 less than the number provided for in the current law.

The committee recommends a provision that all employees shall be required by the head of their department hereafter to give not less than seven hours labor each day, except Sundays and days declared public holidays by law or the executive, excepting only the thirty days annual leave, cases of sick leave and by special order of the head of the department, stating the reason for extension or limit of time in each case; it also recommends an enactment making it unlawful to detail employees paid from the general appropriations for the postal service from any branch of such service, whether located at the seat of government or elsewhere, to any of the offices or bureaus of the postoffice department at Washington.

## TRIBUTES OF RESPECT

To the Memory of the Late Mrs. McKinley. Immense Quantity of Flowers Sent—Letters and Telegrams from All Parts of the World

Canton, O., December 13.—The casket bearing the earthly remains of Nancy Allison McKinley is already nearly buried in a sea of flowers. All morning the express wagons have been carrying their loads of floral offerings to the memory of the beloved departed. They come to Miss Helen McKinley, the president's sister, who through all the trials of the past ten days has scarcely left the bedside of her dying mother, day or night. But messages of sympathy and tokens of reverential regard come from greater distance than flowers can carry. The wires and the mails are overloaded with kind words of condolence in tribute to the memory of a model American mother.

President Faure, of France, American ambassadors abroad, United States consuls, the ambassadors of other countries, stationed at Washington; governors of states, judges, United States senators, congressmen and other public officials; grand army posts, and friends by the thousands from all parts of the civilized world have sent expressions of their sympathy.

All about the city is the sorrow over the death of Mrs. McKinley manifested. Flags on the court house, city hall and other public buildings have floated at half mast all day. The Business Men's Association, at a meeting this afternoon, decided to suspend business during the hours of the funeral.

President McKinley kept close within doors during the greater part of the day, but took a short walk near his home late this evening, this being the only exercise he had taken since a walk early this morning.

Washington, December 13.—The members of the cabinet who will attend the funeral of Mrs. McKinley, mother of the president, in Canton tomorrow left Washington at 7:35 o'clock on the Pennsylvania road. There were in the party Secretary and Mrs. Alger, Attorney General and Mrs. McKenna, Postmaster General Gary, Secretary Wilson, Secretary Bliss, Mr. Porter, secretary to the president and Mrs. Porter. The party will reach Canton about 10 o'clock Tuesday morning and will leave for Washington tomorrow night. The president will return with them and there will be in addition several of the president's personal friends from Canton.

The white house will be closed to visitors tomorrow and the flags on all the public buildings will be at half mast, but the departments will not be closed. The number of floral tributes from the members of the cabinet on the Canton train. Also one from Vice President Hobart and one from Secretary and Mrs. Porter.

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## Stampede Among Klondyke Gold Seekers

Victoria, B. C., December 13.—By steamer Topeka from Dya, news is received that more than 1,000 ill-provisioned men stampeded from Dawson during the latter part of October and, impelled by the haunting fears of famine, are now rapidly forcing their way over the mountains.

Auk, the Indian mail carrier who brings this report, left the Yukon capital fully ten days after the Dalton party. He says the vanguard of the terror stricken army is following less than a week behind him. Auk declares that fully 25 per cent of the stampeding army will never live to rectify the terrors of their flight north. The river steamers Bella and Wear, it now appears, did not land more than 100 tons of provisions on their arrival in the earlier part of October, owing to their having been held up at Circle City.

The only bright view of the situation is that the crossing of the pass above the mountains has lately been greatly improved and within a month will be in excellent condition. Dyea parties headed by George F. Ulmer, propose to go to the relief of the hungry at Dawson. They will make the United States government an offer to deliver 50,000 pounds of provisions within fifty days after the time of the starting for Dawson for the sum of \$75,000. They already have 5,000 pounds of provisions cached at Lake Bennett, which they will take in over the Chilkoot pass this winter. Ulmer will go south by the next steamer to lay his proposition before the secretary of war by wire.

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## Wishing Bon Voyage to Prince Henry

Berlin, December 13.—A number of civic, military and university deputations at Kiel waited upon Prince Henry, of Prussia, on Saturday, to wish him bon voyage.

The rector of the university said: "In all Germany lands the feeling prevails that we are reaching a decisive turning point in the history of Germany. The German universities, which are the nurseries, not only of science, but of patriotism, stand beside the fatherland when ever its honor or greatness are at stake."

Prince Henry replied: "I enthusiastically undertake the voyage (to China) at the personal instance of the emperor and with the consciousness of thereby contributing to Germany's might and greatness. There are reasons to hope for a peaceful solution of the difficulties with China."

## CARROLL TO RESIGN

H. C. DOCKERY WILL SUCCEED HIM JANUARY 1ST

More Specimens for the State Museum. A Coal Mining Company Chartered—Great Increase in Illicit Distilling—The Seaboard's Control of the C. F. & T. V. R. R. The Apple Trade in the West—Southport Division of Naval Reserves—Cotton Planters and Speculators

Messenger Bureau, Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 13.

Today the state museum received from the state geologist eighty-three boxes of specimens. These are sent from Chapel Hill and will be placed in the new cases.

The state grants a charter to the St. Helena Gold Mining Company, of Randolph county, for sixty years, capital \$10,000, M. O. Beatty and others corporators.

The six day's term of the federal court here ended this afternoon and Judge Purnell left for Charlotte to hold a special term.

United States Marshal Carroll will on Wednesday tender his resignation, to take effect December 31st. The appointment of H. C. Dockery as his successor will be made so as to be effective January 1st.

At no term of the federal court has the crowd of moonshiners in attendance been so tough. This is a subject of general remark. Inquiries made show a decided increase in moonshining. The high tax is the great inducement to these people to violate the law. Most of them actually think they are good men and that illicit distilling ought not to be hanged.

The under-officials of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railway are declaring that the Seaboard Air Line has not acquired that road. A gentleman in position to know says that the Seaboard Air Line has long had its eye on this road, and that General Gill, the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley receiver, has been desirous that the Seaboard Air Line should get it.

John D. Shaw, of counsel for the Seaboard Air Line, gives notice to the railway commission that he will this week file an appeal to the supreme court from its order reducing the freight rate on cotton.

Reference was lately made to the size of the trade in apples in western North Carolina. From Asheville alone so far this season 50,000 bushels have been shipped to the southward. The demand for the holiday trade is great.

It is learned that the action of the Baptist state convention in deciding to take no stand in the controversy with Dr. Whitsett was mainly due to the efforts of Rev. Dr. J. W. Carter, of Raleigh.

The official report of the newspapers in this state will show that there are 230.

A hypnotist is appearing here this week and in a store window one of his "subjects" is to be put to sleep on a cot for the space of forty-eight hours.

The state will soon have in service another (the 5th) division of naval reserves, at Southport, bringing the force up to something like 230 officers and men.

It is a late season here and roses are yet in bloom. Yesterday was quite spring-like. In this section January and February and half of March have become the winter season.

While in some sections in this part of the state there is far more planting of wheat than in a long while, yet in others none at all is planted. Some of the farmers seem half dazed by the low price of cotton, and others say they don't care what they do with it, they expect, however, to plant cotton just as they have always done. Quite a lot of cotton is yet unpicker. There will be picking in January. Persons who have never before bought cotton are now buying and storing it. They have the belief that it cannot fall in advance in price. They do not believe that the crop is as great as reported. All of them, like the farmers, are "bulls" of most pronounced type.

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## Seaboard and Southern

The settlement of the fight between the Southern railway and the Seaboard Air Line continues. The latter has much talk in railroad and financial circles, as the contest has attracted great attention in transportation circles.

Neither company has, however, made any public statement to the terms of the agreement. All, however, agree that the truce is a permanent one and that neither side can claim a victory. As has been stated, the rates on the bay will be restored on December 20th and after that date the fare from Baltimore to Old Point or Norfolk will be \$3 one way, and \$5 round trip as formerly. In fact, it is positively stated that the Southern railway will continue its steamer line to Norfolk and Old Point and will carry passengers and freight to these points. The Southern will not, however, solicit business to these points, but will handle whatever is offered. It was the establishment of the Southern's Norfolk and Old Point line that precipitated the fight, as the Old Bay Line claimed that there was not enough business for two lines. The Southern has established its terminals at Pines Point, opposite Norfolk, and has spent a great deal of money there and consequently there is no possibility of the company's abandoning Norfolk.

The Seaboard has been running a steamer to Richmond since the beginning of the trouble and this may be withdrawn, though this is not understood to be a part of the agreement. What part the Pennsylvania took in the settlement of the controversy has not yet been announced and President Andrews of the Seaboard, declines to state whether or not his road has secured a through car from New York.—Yesterday's Baltimore Herald.

## Harris' in Louisiana

New Orleans, December 13.—A hurricane struck Pointe a la Hache, forty miles below the city today, demolishing the St. Thomas Catholic church, two houses and one store. A lugger was carried clear across the river and one of her crew, an Austrian was drowned. This happened at 1:30 o'clock in the morning, and while the winds at the point is only about 15.000 it is feared that the hunting camps on the bayous were swept away and number of lives lost.

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